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Larry Byvick and Valerie Ortiz dedicate themselves to their training.

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Students Train for Tri-athlon

by WENDY LaRUE

Most people would call someone who participates in a race that includes running, swimming, and biking crazy. But, Larry Byvick and Valerie Ortiz who take part in this grueling sport call themselves tri-athletes.

The first tri-athletes were a group of Navy officers in Hawaii. They decided they would compete against each other in the Oahu Marathon, an open water swim and a bike race around the island. They added their times around the three events, which took place on the same day, and called their competition a tri-athlon.

This race that started out with just a few people has developed into the biggest tri-

athlon in the country, the Ironman. It includes a 2.7 mile swim, a 112 mile bike race and a standard marathon, just over 26 miles.

"It's just incredible," commented Byvick, "what took running 20 years to build took tri-athloning five."

Ortiz, who ran for her high school and swam competitively in the summers, will be making her first attempt at the tri-athlon on Oct. 20.

Competing in a "sprint" tri-athlon, Ortiz will cover 5 kilometers running, 400 meters swimming, and 15 kilometers biking.

"I want my running and swimming to be really good," she said, "I have to maintain my endurance and just do my best in the biking."

While watching the Kona Beach tri-athlon on television Byvick became interested. He recalled thinking as he watched the race, "I can do that. I've done all three sports all my life."

He has taken part in several races during the year-and-a-half since he completed his first. Included in his accomplishments is a 56th place overall finish in a field of over 450 people in the Sandman. The Sandman is one of the better known events. It includes a 1.2 mile swim, an 18.5 mile bike ride, and a 10 kilometer run.

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A Man's View

At the risk of over-doing it or of beating an already quite dead horse, I will try to add my personal perspective to the great "men at MWC" controversy.

Judging from the reaction to the recent *Free Lance Star* column, a similar article in the *Washington Post* two years ago and this week's letters, it seems safe to say that we at MWC are hypersensitive about our coed status. But can anyone blame us? Stigmatized by social customs that governed MWC before the arrival of men, we as men and women are perpetually trying to throw off those old stereotypes. Press coverage that implies coeducation is not working at MWC does not help that effort.

Being a minority is not easy, but that does not make MWC men abnormal. As former *Bullet* Associate Editor Dave Warren so aptly put it, "the guys here at MWC are the same guys at UVA, Tech, or any other school." We are not weird, most of us do not have swollen heads and most of us do not use or feel used by MWC women. "Real men" (whatever that means) do go to Mary Washington and "real" relationships develop here where neither party feels embarrassed by the other.

Sure we get tired of explaining that there are guys here; sure we get tired of people thinking we've got it made; sure we're tired of the stigma; but we chose to come here. Many of us turned down other schools because we were able to look beyond a number or a silly ratio to discover the good qualities of MWC.

The fact is, what attracted us to MWC is exactly what brought women students here. We recognize MWC's academic excellence; we think the campus is pretty; we like being near Washington and Richmond; and we enjoy the advantages of a small school just like our female counterparts.

Finally, men who have come here have proven themselves on every level. In my four years here, men have occupied positions as S.A. president, Class Council president, Honor Council president, Judicial chairman, *Bullet* editors and have proven themselves in athletics and academics.

As a community of men and women, MWC has a great deal going for it. We should not let obsolete attitudes brand us as something we are not.

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To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the *Free Lance Star*'s column of "Men of MWC Pose Question of Respect." In talking to Mr. Zitz over the phone for our interview, he assured us that he was going to print a light-hearted, "tongue in cheek" article concerning our efforts to produce the second annual Men of MWC Calendar.

However, rather than concentrating on the actual background, layout, and production of the calendar, Mr. Zitz chose to use his column

to conceive several unfounded, and rather demeaning characteristics of MWC Men. Mr. Zitz took personal feelings and experiences of ours, (from our freshman year), and translated them into a bleak social commentary that has both the individuals involved with the calendar, and the male populous in general in "a bit of an uproar," shall we say?

Furthermore, Mr. Zitz quotes were neither entirely verbatim, nor were they taken in context. If there was a lighthearted tone threading its way

through Mr. Zitz' article, the thread was severed by the cutting edge of injustice that he perpetrated on both the men and women of Mary Washington College.

In closing, we would like to make it perfectly clear that the true purpose of our calendar is to promote the image of MWC in general and the men in particular, who, by the way, happen to be as real and respectable as any Cadet or Wahoo around.

Becky Rogers
Kathi O'Rourke

Zitz Justifies Column

To the Editor:

Before Becky Rogers and Kathi O'Rourke are run off campus, or before I become known as the vilest of liars, whichever comes first, I'd like to attempt to set things straight.

A news column I wrote (Men of MWC Pose Question of Respect) for the *Free Lance-Star* recently has apparently created controversy on campus. Ms. Rogers and Ms. O'Rourke originated the "Men of MWC" calendar last year here and were very successful with it. I met Ms. Rogers at her part time job off campus several weeks ago and she half-jokingly suggested I write a column about the calendar and its success.

Some time later I conceived the idea of tying the popularity of the calendar into a brief look at the way the increasing number of males on campus are perceived by the women there.

I called Ms. Rogers and asked if she and her partner would be willing to talk about the way women at Mary Washington see the men there. She and Ms. O'Rourke agreed and were very open and frank about the subject, surprisingly so.

They told me that the general perception seems to be that "real men" do not go to Mary Washington. They said that women at the college, generally speaking,

are very cynical in their treatment of the men. They told me these things without being prodded or led to conclusions.

Coming from the creators of a sort of "beefcake" calendar featuring MWC men, I found the statements surprising and interesting.

It is important to note, however, that the two women themselves did not disparage MWC men. They merely offered opinions on what they believe the prevailing attitude is.

Apparently, when the column was published, many readers on campus took the "Real Men Don't Go To MWC" opinion as Ms. O'Rourke's and Ms. Rogers' own. It is not. Nor is it mine.

In writing the column, I did not intend to cause either of the women grief.

Apparently they have suffered greatly, because they have since disavowed the statements and said that I tricked them, misquoted them and took their words out of context.

I did none of those things.

Hours after the column was published, I ran into Ms. O'Rourke, quite by accident. She told me that she and Ms. Rogers were nervous about how the column would be received, but very graciously added that the quotes were accurate and that the piece was well done.

By next day the heat had apparently become unbearable, because that story changed and I

became a liar.

For the record, Ms. Rogers and Ms. O'Rourke were not traitors to their school in giving the interview.

Nor was I deceitful in the handling of the interview or the writing of the column.

Mike Zitz
The Free-Lance Star

Inmate Requests Pen-pal

To the Editor:

I am now incarcerated in the federal prison at Ashland, Kentucky, and I am seeking correspondence with anyone that would like to start a pen pal relationship, as I have no family in the free world.

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Announcing...

Visiting scholar, Wallace Fowlie, the James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of Romance Languages at Duke University, will present his lecture, "On Writing Autobiography," October 9, at 7 p.m. in the ballroom.

The National Committee for Digital Cartography Standards will meet in Monroe 207, Saturday, October 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting is open to those interested in computerized mapping.

Unless a student is planning to withdraw from the college, withdrawal from one or more particular courses will not be permitted after Wednesday, October 24.

"Lewis and Clark: The Quest for a Northwest Passage" will be the topic of Dr. Roger Bourdon on October 9. The lecture is part of the "Discovery: Frontiers and Explorers Through the Ages" series, and will begin at 7 p.m. in Monroe 104.

You are invited to visit residents of the 1208 House (a home retarded adults) each Friday at 3:45 p.m. Call 373-9255 for more information.

The winner of the MDA Raffle sponsored by the International Relations club and the Association of Residency Halls was Melanie Frazer of Westmoreland.

A solo exhibit of works by Linda Horvitz Post will be held in the duPont Galleries October 10-19. The opening reception is scheduled for October 9, from 6-8 p.m. The artist's reception will be held October 18, at 8 p.m.

Many schools and companies will be on campus during October and November for interviews. The Career Placement Office, GW 203, has more information and sign up boards.

Student Teaching Applications (For Spring Semester, 1985) must be submitted to the Education Office, duPont Hall, Room 201, extension 4318, on or before November 1, 1984.

BOV Gives Go-Ahead for Student Center

by GLENN BIRCH

The Mary Washington College Board of Visitors gave approval for preliminary work on a new student center at their meeting on September 29.

The board directed President Anderson to hire an architect to design the center, to be located at the

base of the hill adjacent to Willard and Mercer Halls. The BOV also stipulated that the architectural style of the new center be consistent with that of other campus buildings.

The student center will serve a number of functions providing meeting rooms, offices for student organizations and take some of the burden off Lee Hall. Construction of

the center should begin in 1986, according to Sylvia Woodcock, BOV chairperson of the buildings and grounds committee.

The board also moved to rescind old policies of the Regional Scholarship Program and approved a resolution to the program making it more selective. Twenty-five \$500 scholarships each year will still be given from non-state funds, though the recipients of these scholarships must meet more stringent requirements.

Scholarship awards will be made by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid and approved by President Anderson. Renewal of the scholarships will be automatic provided the student maintains a 2.5 grade point average freshman year and a 3.0 in the remaining years.

In a related matter the board noted MWC's enviable position of having the fourth lowest default rate on National Direct Student Loans for 1982-83. MWC's default rate, at 0.87, was well below that of most

other private and public institutions in the state.

The board also approved amendments to the collection policy at Belmont, the Gari Melchers Memorial Gallery which is managed and operated by MWC for the state. The amendments would increase the number of paintings in the permanent collection and would preclude the Belmont staff's ability to borrow extremely valuable works without advance permission of the BOV.

Freshman Election Results Announced

by ROBBIN KELLEY

Freshmen elections were held Wednesday October 3. J.J. Baker was chosen as president; Ken Plaia as vice-president; Cheryl Ellyson as secretary/treasurer; and Kris Higgins as publicity chairman.

The Judicial Representatives are Kendel Paulsen, Diane Cardwell and Susan Thomasson. The Honor Representatives are Larry Byvick, Becky Architzel and Laureene Foskett.

Sereina Black was elected to the

position of sophomore vice president. Janet Bowers was elected to the position of senior honor representative.

"Everything ran smoothly with no problems," stated Junior Class President, Lori Brubaker, "All of the new officers are competent and excited about their positions. I only wish there had been a better voter turnout from all of the classes."

One hundred and forty-two from the Freshmen Class, 102 from the Sophomore Class, and 36 from the Senior Class voted in this past election.

Chess Club Revived

by MARTY HUMPHREY

Under the leadership of Richard Mullens, a junior transfer student from Hopewell, Virginia, the Mary Washington Chess Club is undergoing a revival.

In the first tournament to see MWC student participation, the 1984 Virginia Championship held in Richmond, Mullens won the Category III trophy. Also, Mullens placed second in the Richard Bland Third Weekend held in Petersburg, Virginia.

Acting as faculty advisor for the MWC chess club, Dr. Richard Warner hopes that the diversity of the teams formed out of the chess club will prove to be competitive against other chess teams.

"Two female students with Chess Federation ratings are on the chess team now," Dr. Warner says. "And we have one student, Yung Nam Kwong, who shows a lot of promise as a first time competitor." Yung Nam Kwong, unrated, attained a score of two wins and four losses in the Richmond competition, and in Petersburg competition he placed third.

Mr. Charles Thayer, a local chess player, is offering chess instruction every Monday night when the chess club meets at 7 p.m. in Room 305, Lee Hall. Mr. Thayer competed for many years and holds a rating of over 1800 in the United States Chess Federation.

The Mary Washington Chess Club is recognized by the United States Chess Federation, the National Chess Organization, and by FIDE (World Chess Organization). The club will now be able to host nationally recognized chess events and

receive *Chess Life* (U.S. Chess Periodical).

The college may field as many teams as it wishes, with each team composed of five boards and two alternates. All boards are open and the competition for positions on the Mary Washington Chess Team trip to the Pan-American Games in New England for the 1985-86 season is on.

For further information call Dr. Warner at Monroe 208H, or Richard Mullens at 898-2132.

Reagan Winner in ARA Poll

In an effort to encourage student participation in this Presidential year, ARA, MWC's food service, conducted a preview election on Oct. 1.

The election, held in Seabeck Dining Hall, allowed students to choose the candidate for whom they plan to vote on Nov. 6. A total of 618 people participated, comprising 30.1 percent of Mary Washington's residential students. Of the 618 voters, 62.3 percent chose Reagan, 18.3 percent voted for Mondale, 8.4 percent were undecided and 11 percent chose other candidates.

This years preview election, the first held at MWC, was also conducted at 240 other colleges and 260 nursing homes where ARA provides food services. The preview election held by ARA in 1980 correctly predicted the election of Ronald Reagan.

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Features

Grad Program Inspires Students and Faculty

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Contrary to popular belief, MWC is not just a haven for high school graduates looking for a four year degree. MWC also offers two programs in graduate study for business and liberal studies.

The Master of Liberal Studies (MALS) program is now in its fifth year and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program is now in its fourth year at the college. Both programs are designed for part-time commuting students who would like to complete their graduate degree while obligated to family and/or job.

In the academic year 1978-79, MWC assessed the need for a graduate program. The college found a real need for the MBA program and there was much interest in the community for the MALS program. There was also great interest for both programs among the faculty. Dr. Mary Pinschmidt, director of graduate studies commented that, "it is invigorating to the faculty to teach graduate classes."

Dr. Pinschmidt and Dr. Steven Czarsty, directors of the MBA program, stress that the MALS is a different kind of master's, although it is not unique to MWC. It is broad based—all students must take MALS 511, 512—Ideas and Movements of

the Western World. The program is specific in the end, when each student must do an individual project. The colloquia classes are unique to MWC, because they are classes that do not fit into one discipline. There is a lot of interdisciplinary work and team taught classes where the professors are not all from the same discipline.

Fourteen classes, five in the MALS program, are offered this semester during the evening. The average size of a MALS class is eight to ten people and about fourteen to a MBA class. There are currently 60 females and 56 males enrolled in both programs. Most are about 28 to 30 years old. The majority of the MALS students are graduates of MWC, while the majority of the MBA students have undergraduate degrees from other institutions.

Most of the graduate students interviewed said they are enrolled in the graduate programs here because of the closeness of the college to their homes. Jeff Marlin, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, is currently enrolled in the MBA program. Marlin, 40, is an infantry officer in the Marine Corps and is preparing for a second career. Dave Ridderhoff, 58 and also a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, is a retired marine colonel who works for a consulting firm with

the government. Millie Moncure, 33, graduated from James Madison University. She refers to herself as "a very burned out social worker," and is currently enrolled in the MBA program, hoping to finish school and work in personnel or training.

Other students enrolled in MWC's graduate program are an engineer for an electric cooperative, a high level systems analyst and a computer project manager. They all agree that the graduate program here at MWC is convenient and enjoyable.

Warner Visits

United States Senator John Warner (R-VA) will be addressing MWC students, faculty and members of the general public Tuesday, October 9, beginning at 4 p.m. in the ballroom.

The Republican senator, elected in 1978 and currently seeking a second six-year term against Democrat Edythe C. Harrison of Norfolk, is expected to speak on issues relevant to students in addition to contemporary issues. Admission is free, and all are invited to attend. The event is sponsored by the MWC College Republicans.



Ray Merchant takes his best shot for Muscular Dystrophy last Friday afternoon at Jefferson's Car Smash. Photo by Prewitt Scripps

MDA Cashes In With Super Week

by ROBBIN KELLEY

The Muscular Dystrophy Association Superdance and Octoberfest Kegger were held Saturday, October 6 in Goolrick from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. The event earned \$1,657 for MDA collecting \$672 at the door and \$985 from the dancers. According to MDA Chairperson Elizabeth Ottaway, MWC raised \$1,900 for the weeks activities and will easily clear \$2,000 after the Cut-a-thon October 8.

The Big Chill, shown in Dodd Auditorium September 29, raised \$142 for MDA. The International Relations Club held a raffle and raised \$70. MDA night in the Pub raised \$80, the student-faculty basketball game netted \$25 and a bake sale

brought in \$30.

Other events included the Happy Hour sponsored by Hamlet House, Car Smash in Jefferson Square, Goodnight Kiss-a-thon at the Pajama Party Kegger and the Hair Cut-a-thon sponsored by Circle K.

The Superdance Saturday night highlighted the drive. Seventy-five couples signed up for the event. Admission to the Octoberfest Kegger, which was being held at the same time, was \$1 and beer tickets were three for \$1.

According to Elizabeth Ottaway, "the money raised will go toward things like medical research, patient services and to send kids with Muscular Dystrophy to special summer camps.



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People

Business Born Out of Love for Ice Cream

by SAS SCHWARTZ

The inspiration for the popular Eva Dean's Candy and Cream ice cream shop might surprise the student of business or economics. Not noted in a practical equation of supply and demand, the business actually got off to a "silly" start, said owner Eva Dean Ford.

Pregnant with her now one-year-old son, Brian, Ford's cravings for Haagen Daz ice cream lead her and husband Dan to drive frequently to Washington, D.C. for good ice cream. When the commuting became tiresome, the couple decided to open their own ice cream store in Fredericksburg.

Eva and Dan Ford were first turned down for a Baskin Robbin's franchise because the company didn't think Fredericksburg would support the business. The Fords did not give up. They applied for a loan, looked for the right location, contacted distributors and looked for the necessary equipment to start an independent shop.

From the start, Eva Dean's has been a family operation. Dan Ford's family was supportive and involved in almost every aspect of the business. Dan's father found a Real Rich store in northern Virginia that was closing and made a deal to buy the equipment. Eva's sister-in-law and brother-in-law jokingly came up

with the name Eva Dean's Candy and Cream which stuck because of the rhyme. Her brother-in-law also did the landscaping on the side of the building. Eva's mother-in-law is the full-time manager and her sister is in charge of marketing.

Although the store itself is somewhat cramped, the location is ideal. Situated between the Trailways bus station and the Putt-putt golf, it is within walking distance of the MWC campus. The store was reconstructed from two rooms at the Thomas Jefferson Motel, now closed. Inside, it reflects the owners' personality. The store is friendly and cheerful but not overpowering in sweetness and has an open, comfortable atmosphere.

College students make up a good part of the customers but area residents are also very supportive. "This summer we had people lined up along the ice cream freezer, doubling back and going out the door on any given Sunday," said Ford.

Eva Dean's offers several kinds of sundaes and other ice cream concoctions, but most people prefer the Eva Dean Sundae (5 1/2 oz. of ice cream and two toppings) or the Twosome (two scoops of ice cream and two toppings). With either sundae customers can choose from both wet and dry toppings. The dry

toppings—including chopped candy bars, loose candies and nuts—were an idea copied from Bob's Famous in Washington.

Eva Dean's has ten employees counting owner Ford. They consist mostly of college and high school students and one full-time adult employee. One college student employee, Ford remembers, was a Twosome addict. "I had to open the store on a windy wintry day when the wind chill factor was below zero. I pulled up at 10:30 a.m. and there was this girl shivering on the front porch waiting for us to open. I made her come inside and she waited until we opened at 11:00 just to get a Twosome. Now she works here," said Ford.

The owners are very pleased with their employees' honesty and hard work. Ford believes honesty is the best characteristic of a good worker. The store has a policy stating that any employee found giving ice cream or candy to friends will be fired immediately. Ford explained, "If I own the place and still pay for ice cream when I come in, the employees and their friends can pay, too."

Ford would like to expand the business someday. The couple would like to own three to five other shops within five years. Ford likes the work, being her own boss and the



Store owner Eva Dean Ford.

Photo by Prewitt Scripps

money a family business can bring. She does wish, however, that her son and the store had come separately rather than simultaneously. After Brian's birth, Ford decided it was her responsibility to raise her son so Eva's mother-in-law is the full-time manager of the shop.

As if a son and the business itself is not enough, Ford plans to start making her own candy. This will cut

down on the transportation costs from Williamsburg and be less expensive than purchasing already made candy.

Eva Dean's Candy and Cream is definitely a place for true ice cream lovers. What else can be expected from an ice cream lover like Ford who said, "I could eat an Eva Dean sundae and a bowl of whipped cream almost every day of the week!"

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Deona Houff

Clearing Up MWC's Image Problem

What a strange week. On Oct. 2 a *Free Lance Star* columnist (Mike Zitz) kicks MWC men in the teeth and a *Bullet* columnist (me) says hey, the guys deserve some credit.

I first heard about Zitz's work from an irate MWC man who immediately pointed his finger to calendar publishers Becky Rogers and Kathi O'Rourke. Letters to the Editor (on page 2) of this paper show that the blame belongs to Zitz because he chose to emphasize an old attitude, and not the current, healthier state of affairs here at MWC.

I had not intended to write a column this week but more than a few people felt I should because this episode illustrates one of my points from last week: MWC has an image

problem, one that is often fostered by reputable papers such as the *Washington Post*. Add to that list the *Free Lance Star*.

Because I didn't plan to write and thus am doing so well beyond my normal deadline, I have had time to talk with neither Zitz nor O'Rourke and Rogers. I have, however, read the column and both letters to the Editor. Maybe Zitz at one time intended to emphasize the calendar but in the end did not. Rogers and O'Rourke said it best: he took their personal feelings and experiences and "translated them into a bleak social commentary." Zitz is right in saying he was not deceitful-but he wasn't real nice either.

Maybe Zitz thinks he was being funny. After all, we're not dealing

with the arms race here. Can't the real men of MWC take a joke and laugh at themselves? Indeed they can as long as the joke isn't a stab in the back, as Zitz's column was. The emphasis, the use of a filmstrip of a couple at a swimming pool and the headline all suggest one thing: MWC has a problem.

Sometimes the Fredericksburg area people seem to look for and indeed want us MWC students to make a mistake or in some way prove how unhappy we are.

Take 24 hour visitation. During the summer of '83, this town went wild denouncing MWC as a haven of promiscuity. They failed to see that the issue of 24-hour visitation is not sex. (Hey folks, sex is possible before midnight.)

The issue of 24-hour visitation, the college seal, the greek system and "real men" proves this: We have a sincere desire to improve life at MWC. This campus has made giant strides socially and educationally in the three years I've been here. Some people in Fredericksburg apparently take offense at that.

I'm not saying that the above mentioned "issues" are all good things for this campus. But at least we're working to see what's right and wrong for us. Somehow area people, especially area alumni, interpret the changes here as negative steps. Anyone who worked at last year's phonathon can testify that some area alumni refused to give to the college because of "what's happened up there."

When columns like Zitz's appear thousands of people and alumni get a negative image of the College. Unfortunately the press decides to focus on the good that's going on here now and have to be very careful about the image we create.

Last year when I lived in Jefferson, reporters occasionally dropped by to ask about the progress of 24-hour visitation. Most students answered questions with one or two words and sometimes four: "It's a big deal."

If the press would emphasize little phrases such as "no big deal" and "used to be" instead of ones like "visitors of the opposite sex" and "real men," maybe people would realize that MWC is coed, and happy and healthy because of it.

DAVID MINOR

The Logic Behind Deterrence

I was reading the paper the other day and ran across an article by that venerable scientist Carl Sagan. Dr. Sagan wrote on his favorite subject of late, the "nuclear winter."

Every time I read an article about how horrible nuclear war is I always get depressed. I am depressed not only for the obvious reason that such an article reminds me of my own mortality and the delicate balance that holds this old world together, but also because the author usually self-righteously believes that writing horror story articles will ultimately save the world from a nuclear holocaust as well as stop the costly arms race.

It is rather depressing to think that people in influential positions actually have such a simplistic view

of world politics that they believe that a simple appeal to reason will make everything peachy-keen.

It is true that nuclear war is a terrible possibility that everyone would like to eliminate in their lifetime. No one but a fool would even consider nuclear war to be a viable policy option. Yet both the Soviet Union and the United States continue to make their instruments of mutual suicide more and more numerous and more and more efficient. Yet I suggest that the men of the Politburo are no less afraid of nuclear holocaust than any sensible man or woman on the street.

If indeed we in the good old U.S.A. know that nuclear war is horrible and those nasty old evil emperors know all about how they and their

families would be vaporized in a nuclear war then...what's the deal? The problem is that for nearly 40 years now either side has seen the other as a potential direct threat to each other's national existence. What better way to deter your enemy from doing you in than to have the threat of taking the offending party down with you.

This little mechanism for keeping the superpowers in line has prevented World War III for quite a number of years. Certainly the U.S. was in just the mood to go to war with the communists in the McCarthy era. Certainly the U.S. had every justification for demanding immediate satisfaction from the Soviets after they shot down the KAL passenger flight.

One could probably name at least a half a dozen more opportunities for a good size war to begin between the superpowers, including some that are so close to history that it sends shivers up the spine. Tell me, what is the difference between the Lusitania and KAL 007? Why did the U.S. refrain from total victory against communism in 1950 when in 1940 it took on facism with a goal of nothing less than unconditional surrender?

Unfortunately, it seems that the reason the U.S. or the Soviet Union has not engaged in larger, more costly adventures is not because man has suddenly become more moral. I am afraid the same thing that could destroy the earth in a matter of hours has preserved us from global war for 40 years.

Yes, Dr. Sagan, life as we know it will certainly be altered for the worse should a relatively limited nuclear exchange occur. With the conventional weapons we have now however, a global conventional war would also have its share of horrors.

I dare say the difference between the two would be that there would presumably be someone left after conventional world war. Quite a trade off, I must say. The world has been spared 40 years of great power war in exchange for the threat of nuclear destruction. And the kicker is that no matter how dangerous a situation we are in now, we are sure that the results are going to be if we tamper with the delicate superpower nuclear balance.

Stacey Dunn

Leaf Patrol: Sweeping the Campus

It should happen any day now - the transition. The air will become cooler, corduroy will cover the once-tanned legs, and leaves will change from green into fiery hues of red, gold, and amber. In addition to all this, Fall is the time of year when the groundskeeping staff turns into: The Leaf Patrol.

The change is quick, and usually occurs over just a few days. It starts

as soon as that first leaf dares to tremble, weaken and fall onto the sacred grass. In a moment's notice, the leaf blowers and giant vacuums are yanked out of storage and cranked to full volume all over campus. Trucks that once held grass clippings become LCV's - Leaf Commando Vehicles, as they haul the colorful culprits away to their flaming destiny.

For students that are new to the Mary Washington campus, just a warning to enjoy the multi-colored foliage while it's on the trees. For, as soon as the leaves hit the ground they are sucked up by these loud, oversized vacuums which are mounted by wheels and pulled by trucks. I remember I was sitting in a class the first time I heard the leaf lifters. For a moment I thought the

campus was being terrorized by kamikaze bombers.

The change in the groundskeepers is the best part, though. All they have to do during the summer is ride around on lawnmowers, so by the time fall rolls around the Leaf Patrol is ready for action. An evil gleam appears in their eyes as they gaze heavenward at the weakening leaves. In the true spirit of "SWAT" and "The A-Team," devilish grins appear on their faces as they say things like, "Gonna suck all them little things up!"

What do you mean, "What about rakes?" Hey, high Technology is not blind to nature's shedding process. Air movement leads to leaf movement, and the Leaf Patrol has the finest in state-of-the-art Leaf Relocation gear.

First they use Leaf Blowers to move the leaves into piles. Leaf Blowers are really nothing more than glorified gas-powered hair dryers, but they reduce the amount of wear and tear on the old back muscles. After the leaves are blown into a big pile or a long line, it's time

to suck them up with the giant vacuum (The Big Sucker).

Small children and frail people are often warned to stay clear of the large hose through which the leaves are sucked up. The Leaf Patrol is courteous and efficient as the dispose properly of oak, maple, and gum foliage. Every once in a while they'll get punchy and do a "Prem Grab," which is pointing the hose upward and pulling the leaves directly off of the trees.

After the heavy leaf drop period over, the Leaf Patrol is reduced to reserve status. Then they only have to haul out the Big Sucker every few weeks. The coming of winter finds the Leaf Patrol acting as the Leaf Patrol, but the coming of Spring means baby leaves, and the emergence of potential victims.

Where would we be without the Leaf Patrol? We'd be about six feet under fallen foliage, that's where. So allow me to thank the brave members of the Leaf Patrol for staying above and beyond the call of duty in keeping our campus leafless.

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Sports

Equestrians To Host First Show at Hazelwild

By HEIDI SOWA

Coach Carol Miller hopes the team, which has been "moderately successful" in the past will do as well if not better as it has in previous years. Several riders were lost to graduation but she feels the freshmen have

the talent to compensate for the losses. "It's not a devastating loss," Miller assured.

The team participates in intercollegiate competitions and in regional shows where the top ribbon winners advance to national shows.

"Sometimes it's the luck of the

draw as to who has the better horse and may win the ribbons," says Miller. Though this may offer bad luck to the rider who gets a less desirable horse, Miller feels riding different horses each competition is a good learning experience. "It teaches the girls how to respond to

strange situations and it will often get their minds off the competition and concentrate on riding."

The first show will be held on Oct. 13 with MWC hosting at Hazelwild Farm. "We would like to see more support from the students," says Miller. "In the past we haven't had

much, so I encourage all to come out and help us win."

Miller feels her team will do well throughout the season "They are an amazingly well prepared and experienced group and with each show they will grow stronger and tougher."

Intramural Results

The following are the results for intramural football as of Oct. 4. Standings are given in the order of wins, losses, and ties. Regular season play has ended for men. Post season playoffs began yesterday. The Championship game will take place on Wednesday.

MEN

Jefferson	9-0
Bushnell-B	7-2
Bushnell-A	6-4
Marshall	4-5
Madison	1-8
Custis	1-9

WOMEN

Jefferson	7-0
Marshall	5-0-1
Randolph	5-3
Ball	4-2
Russell	2-3-1
Mason	3-4
Willard	2-4
Virginia	1-6
Mercer	0-7

SCORES

SUNDAY

Mason 12	Russell 8
Randolph 18	Ball 0

TUESDAY

Bushnell-A 30	Custis 8
Bushnell-B 16	Marshall (men) 12
Randolph 6	Virginia 0
Jefferson (women) 50	Mercer

WEDNESDAY

Bushnell-A 18	Madison 12
Jefferson (men)	Custis 0
Ball 12	Mason 0
Russell 0	Marshall (women) 0

THURSDAY

Jefferson (men) 22	Bushnell-B 8
Marshall (men) 32	Custis 0
Jefferson (women) 12	Virginia 0
Randolph 42	Willard 8

Dedication Key to Sport

Tri-athletes, from cover

In all except one of the races that Byvick has taken part in he has placed in the top three in his age group.

It takes a great deal of dedication and hard work to be competitive in the tri-athlon. Byvick spends three to four hours per day in the summer and two to three hours a day during the school year training.

Although his training schedule is primarily dependent on what is coming up in the way of races, a typical week of training might include 200 miles of bike riding 35-40 miles of running and 1200 yards of swimming.

With so much time dedicated to training one might think that the possibility of getting injured is very high. But, according to Byvick, tri-athletes generally have fewer injuries than the athletes who take part in just one of the component sports.

Both Ortiz and Byvick have goals set for the future. Ortiz would like to eventually be capable of competing in longer races. Byvick is hoping to

be able to compete in the Oxford Triathlon in Oxford, MD. This race includes a 20 mile run, 100 mile bike race and a 2 mile swim, and is one of the larger races in the country.

"It's 90 percent mental," Ortiz says. If you think you can do it you'll do it. Mentally if you don't succumb to fatigue you've got it made."

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